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SUBJECT: MOSCOW DEFERS TO GRULAC CONSENSUS ON NEXT UNSC REP

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Classified By: Ambassador William J. Burns. Reasons: 1.4(B/D).

(C) The Ambassador delivered reftel demarche to DFM Sergey Kislyak on February 8. Poloff double-tracked the same points with MFA UN Political Affairs Section Chief Vladimir Safronkov. Kislyak noted that the GOR had already been approached by both Venezuela and Guatemala regarding the GRULAC's 2007-2008 UNSC representation. The Russian position, Kislyak said, is generally to support the regional group's consensus candidate. Safronkov echoed the same view and added that the MFA had referred both countries back to their regional group without expressing support for either.

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